(ii) Obtained a Ph. D. degree or has equivalent published work;

(iii) Made some mark in the areas of scholarship and research as evidenced *e.g.* by self-assessment, reports of referees, quality of publications, contribution to educational innovation, design of new courses and curricula and extension activities;

(iv) After placement in the senior Scale participated in two refresher courses/summer institutes of approved duration, or engaged in other appropriate continuing education programmes of comparable quality as may be specified or approved by the University Grants Commission; and

(v) possesses consistently good performance appraisal reports.

Promotion to the Post of Reader will be through a process of selection by a Selection committee to be set up under the Statutes/Ordinance of the concerned University or other similar Committees set up by the appointing authorities.

If the number of years required in the feeder cadre are less than those stipulated in the UGC's notification thus entailing hardship to those who have completed more than the total number of years in their entire service for eligibility in the cadre, may be placed in the next higher grade after adjusting the total number of years.

Harassment of SC students in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bulandshahar

1409. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SC category students are being harassed and discriminated and compelled to leave Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Buklana, District Bulandshahar (UP);

(b) whether it is a fact that four SC students of 11th class have been compelled to leave the school and few more are on the list;

(c) whether it is also a fact that FIR has been lodged against the SC and weaker section students with the police, on false and fabricated incidents; and

(d) whether authorities have received representations from parents of such students; if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some Students of Class XI indulged in hooliganism at the residence of the Principal. Fearing threat to life and property, Principal sought the help of District Administration. Subsequently a student namely, Master Sunil Kumar was issued TC on disciplinary ground. Two more students namely Master Gaurav & Master Dharmender Kumar Arya were issued TCs on the request of their parents.

(c) No, sir. No FIR has been lodged by the Principal JNV Buklana, Distt. Bulandshahar.

(d) A representation from the father of Master Dharmender Kumar Arya has been received. Deputy Director, Lucknow Region has been directed to enquire into the matter and submit report to NVS, Headquarters for further action.

Assessment of NOS

1410. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment about the success of National Open School (NOS) has been made recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of children who seek admission/passout from NOS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No specific study has been undertaken through an outside agency to assess the impact made by the National Open School since its establishment as an autonomous organisation of the Ministry of HRD in November 1989. However, a phenomenal growth rate recorded by the National Open School in student enrolment as well as in the number of Accredited Institutions (Study Centres) are indicators of the success achieved by it in imparting education from primary to pre-degree level to a large category of students. Starting with a meager figure of 40,884 students and 161 study centres in 1990-91, there are now more than 7 lakhs students on the rolls of National Open School. Total number of study centres has risen to more than 1700. The annual enrolment of students has crossed the figure of 2 lakhs.